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PROTESTS SHOE IMPORT RESTRAINT PROPOSAL

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A CABLE SENT BY APICUE (URUGUAYAN AMERICAN TRADE ASSOCIATION) TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE, STR, AND PROVIDED HERE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION:

"DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN,

US APICUE (URUGUAYAN AMERICAN TRADE ASSOCIATION) FOUNDED BY URUGUAYANS IN 1942, AND ACTING UNINTERRUPTEDLY SINCE THEN, IS FORMED BY THREE HUNDRED PRIVATE ENTERPRISES INTERESTED IN FOSTERING COMMERCIAL INTERCHANGE AND PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE REPORT ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION WITH REGARD TO THE SHOE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AND ITS EXPORT CAPACITY, APICUE BELIEVES AN
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UNPOSTPONABLE DUTY TO POINT OUT THE FOLLOWING:

(1) THE REPORT OF REFERENCE TAKES IMPORTS OF PHYSICAL VOLUMES FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES DURING 1974 TO THE USA AS A BASE.

(2) THE MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY SAID REPORT APPEAR TO HAVE THE INTENTION TO LIMIT THE AMOUNTS IMPORTED DURING 1976, REDUCING THEM BY ONE THIRD AT THE PRESENT TARIFF RATES.

(3) URUGUAY, CLASSIFIED AS A LOWER DEVELOPED ECONOMY, HAS INITIATED

A PROCESS OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BASED PRIMARILY IN THE USE OF LOCAL RAW MATERIAL AND IN ITS BASIC NEED OF PROVIDING QUALIFIED LABOR. THE ENERGY CRISIS OF 1974 WITH ITS NEW COSTS, CHOKED THE NATIONAL ECONOMY FORCING THE WAY TO EXPAND EXPORTING INDUSTRIES OF LOCAL RESOURCES TO COMPENSATE FOR THE DRAIN IMPOSED ON URUGUAY FULLY DEPENDENT OF OIL IMPORTS.

(4) THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE S3 INDUSTRY AS OF 1974 IS A RESULT OF ONE OF THE FEW OPTIONS PRIVATE INDUSTRY FOUND ECONOMICALLY RATIONAL. THE RESULTS OF THOSE EFFORTS CAN BE MEASURED BY THE EXPORTS TO THE USA, WHICH WERE A LITTLE OVER TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PAIRS IN 1974 TO ALMOST TWO AND A HALF MILLION PAIRS IN 1976.

(5) IT DOES NOT PERTAIN TO APICUE TO CONSIDER THE BASES OF THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION. NEVERTHELESS IT IS A FRIEND'S PRIVILEGE TO ADVISE OF THE CONSEQUENCES DERIVING FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED THROUGH THE UNFORESEEABLE INJUSTICE THE APPLICATION OF SUCH RECOMMENDED RESTRICTIONS WOULD IMPLY.

TO URUGUAY, THE FIGURES OF 1974 BASE YEAR, ARE TODAY MEANINGLESS, AND WOULD EVENTUALLY RESULT IN PRACTICALLY BANNING URUGUAYAN SHOES FROM THE US MARKET WITH A LOCAL SOCIAL COST OF UNPREDICTABLE CONSEQUENCES.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED CONSIDERATIONS AND RESORTING TO THE TRADITIONAL SPIRIT OF FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE, APICUE FEELS THAT A SMALL PRODUCER LIKE URUGUAY, TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY WITH THE US, WAS UNNEVTUNATELY NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL RULES AND FOR THIS REASON REQUESTS THE MERIT OF THIS PETITION BE STUDIED AND A DECISION PERTAINING TO URUGUAO RS EXPORTS

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BE RECONSIDERED. VERY TRULY YOURS, R.V.D. COATES, PRESIDENT."
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